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1. Single-engine and twin-engine aircraft were stationed at the Schoenwalde (N 53/ Z 66) airfield                      They practiced flying

2. The commander of the field was Colonel Virdishinski, (fnu) (phonetic spelling). (1)

3. Six three-story barracks buildings were occupied by air force soldiers and 15 by artillery soldiers. (2)                      were seen at the field.

4. A radio station, surrounded by a board fence, was about 300 meters southwest of the field. Four ammunition bunkers, camouflaged as houses, were in the south-eastern section of the landing field. (3)

5.                      about 70 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines were stationed at the field. The planes were parked in three groups of 10 planes each and two groups of 20 planes each, in front of the hangars. (4) There was no flying between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The sky was cloudy, the cloud base 1,000 meters and the visibility 4 km. The barracks buildings at the field were occupied by air force and artillery soldiers.

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6. One heavy and three light AA guns were emplaced on the western edge of the field. (5) A fuel dump was in the southwestern section of the field. A radio station was in the field west of the airfield. It consisted of four masts, each 6 to 7 meters high, about 5 meters apart and arranged in a square. A wooden hut, about 2 meters high was in the middle. (6) Two barracks areas with fire fighting equipment were north-west of the field. Ammunition or fuel was probably stored there.

7.                      1950 at 10 a.m. flying started with twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies. The flying time was about 20 minutes. The planes were observed from the side while flying at an altitude of about 150 meters. Three types were identified:

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- a. Semi-high-wing monoplane: two suspended radial engines, streamline-shaped attachment on top of engine cowlings, lower section of nose made of plexiglass; cockpit in front of wings, red antenna on left front section of cockpit, plexiglass one-man turret on top of fuselage behind leading edge of wings, dihedral elevator assembly set on fuselage, rudder assembly egg-shaped, tail wheel retractable.
- b. Low-wing monoplane; one cockpit, fuselage without bulge, weapon in cockpit and pointing to the rear, plexiglass elliptical section about 40 cm long on each side of fuselage behind trailing edge of wings, dihedral elevator assembly set at mid-tail.
- c. Low-wing monoplane: suspended in-line engines, two cockpits, elevator assembly similar to that of low-wing monoplane with one cockpit. (7)

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8. [redacted] Some aircraft had red-white-red stripes on the lower quarter of the rudder assembly. (8) Take-offs were made by the following planes at 10:15 a.m.: semi-high-wing monoplane, at 10:45 a.m.: low-wing monoplane with one cockpit, suspended in-line engines and red propeller hub; at 10:55 a.m.: low-wing monoplane with two cockpits; at 10:58 a.m.: semi-high-wing monoplane with blue propeller hubs; at 11:10 a.m.: semi-high-wing monoplane with one-man turret behind wings, no weapons; at 11:30 a.m. low-wing monoplane with one cockpit, weapon pointing to the rear, red propeller hubs.

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- (1) The name was previously reported as Lieutenant Colonel Vishinski. See [redacted]
- (2) The occupation of the field by air force and army units was previously reported. [redacted] This occupation has continually been con-
- (3) This is the first information that the ammunition bunkers were camouflaged as houses.
- (4) From 50 to 60 aircraft were previously observed at the field. The occupation by 70 planes is unusually high since, according to other informations, one air reconnaissance regiment and only one ground attack regiment are stationed at the field. No information has been received that new aircraft arrived in Schoenwalde.
- (5) The AA gun emplacement was previously reported. [redacted] 25X1A
- (6) The radio station is apparently an Adcock DF station.
- (7) The description of the aircraft indicates that the semi-high-wing monoplanes are TU-2s and the low-wing monoplanes PE-2s, the latter of two versions, as observed at other airfields. The two types differ as to the pilot's cockpits. The TU-2s and PE-2s belong to the air reconnaissance regiment, [redacted] 25X1

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- (8) [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] For sketch of air-
- field, see Annex. [redacted] 25X1A [redacted] 25X1A

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